

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 6, paragraph [0027]:

[0027] Both longitudinal beams 5 each exhibit a seat 12 at the front ends for crash dampeners of a bumper system which is not shown in great detail. In the area of a bulkhead 13 adjacent of the dashboard 3, another cross member 14 is provided, which is connected on the exterior with the adjacent lower front longitudinal beams 5. The cross member 14 is also realized by two molded sheet metal parts assembled to form a hollow beam.

On page 8, paragraph [0035]:

[0035] In a preferred embodiment (Figure 5), the center part 37 and the two side parts 38 are realized by separately produced tubes, which are firmly connected with each other in common connecting areas 39. According to Figure 5, the center part 37 and the side parts 38 of the cross tube 34 exhibit different dimensions. The two side parts 38 and the center part 37 exhibit a similar polygonal cross-sectional form. In the illustrated embodiment, the center part 37 and the side parts 38 are formed of high-rigidity rectangular tubes. The cross section of the cross tube 34 might, however, also be realized as square, trapezoid, octagonal and the like. The side parts 38 have a smaller cross section, and above all a smaller building (vertical) height than the center part 37. The two center parts 38 are carried through openings 40 of the center part 37 in the common connecting areas, and reach into the interior hollow space of the center part 37.